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TOPIC 1. Military Observations in Ceske Budejovice

2. Pre-military Training in Horovice

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- 25X1X 1. Prior to August 1952, a high headquarters occupied a barracks installation southwest of the railroad station, at the intersection of Dvorakova ul. (west side) and Sokolska ul. in Ceske Budejovice (O 49/Q 96), where high-ranking Czech officers and a Soviet Lieutenant Colonel, wearing black trousers with broad red stripes, were frequently seen. A Soviet colonel was also there periodically. Several sedans were parking at the entrance.¹
- 25X1X 2. an infantry regiment was quartered in the barracks installation on the north side of Sokolska ul. The name of the installation was "Huska"-Barracks.²
3. Prior to August 1952, a motorized unit was quartered in the barracks installation on the north edge of the town on the east side of Trida Dr E. Benese, just south of a railroad track. Source noted a large number of trucks in the barracks area.³
4. A high headquarters was quartered at the former Deaf-Mute Asylum in Jirsikovo Square. Officers wearing green service color and some sedans were always seen near this building.⁴
- 25X1X 5. Other PS units were quartered in a long building on the east side of Kneza ul. and in two wooden hutments in the west section of the suburb of Suche Vrbne and on the south edge of the town on the east side of the road to Roudne (O 49/Q 95), south of a former military cemetery.⁴
6. An army depot and a bakery were housed in a large flat-roofed five-story building in the northern section of the town at the intersection of Dr E. Benese ul. and the north side of Pekarenska ul. Army trucks were frequently seen picking up supplies there. The building was guarded by armed civilians.
7. An ammunition depot consisting of numerous single-story brick buildings which had a spur track was about 4 or 5 kilometers northeast of the town, in the vicinity of the village of Rudolfovo (O 49/Q 96). The personnel of this ammunition depot were quartered at Rudolfovo Castle.

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Pre-military Training in Horovice.

8. Since early August 1951, all apprentices and youths of both sexes attending high school, had to participate in pre-military training. This military education replaced instruction in gymnastics at the school and took about 3 hours a week. All students marched out with air guns and received military training, including field training, signal training, reconnaissance, attack and defense, etc. The classes were usually held under the command of a teacher who had served with the armed forces. The girls also participated in the combat exercises and, in addition, attended various nursing courses and similar instruction. The factory apprentices were given pre-military training twice a week during the afternoon. When they marched out, they received rifles from the plant militia as did the girls who also attended nursing courses. Pre-military training also included firing with live ammunition; one such firing took place in February 1952. A total of 50 troops from the garrison of Jince (N 50/L 45) joined the apprentices on this occasion. In early 1951, all other inhabitants of Horovice, including both men and women up to the age of 55, were asked by the local radio station to volunteer for military training. The population volunteered in large numbers and received rifle training. Volunteers from Horovice participated in live ammunition firing every two weeks. They also assembled and disassembled rifles and received theoretical instruction once a week. Women also had to attend nursing courses. This training was directed by soldiers from Jince.

1. Comment. This division headquarters is probably that of the 1st Infantry Division stationed in Budejovice.
2. Comment. This information appears to confirm the report that the 1st Infantry Regiment was quartered in the Zizka Barracks on Sokolska ul. See [REDACTED]
3. Comment. A report of November 1951 indicated that a motorized artillery unit, presumably components of the 5th Artillery Regiment, was stationed in Budejovice. See [REDACTED]
4. Comment. There is reason to believe that the installation was used for quartering elements of the PS brigade from Budejovice. See [REDACTED]

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